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RWANDA: JOHN SHATTUCK VISIT TO AREA

In response to increasing concern over the tragic human rights situation in Rwanda and to underline the need to stop the bloodshed in that country, the President has asked John Shattuck, Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, to travel to the region. He will be accompanied by David Rawson, the U.S. Ambassador to Rwanda, and Brunson McKinley, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Refugee Programs.

During the trip, Mr. Shattuck will consult with several regional leaders to support renewed negotiations aimed at a lasting peace in Rwanda. He will meet with Salim A. Salim, the Secretary General of the Organization of African Unity (OAU). He will meet with officials of the Government of Tanzania, Facilitator of the Arusha peace negotiations. Mr. Shattuck will also travel to Kampala to meet with key officials there and visit Bujumbura to consult with officials of the Government of Burundi. In addition, Mr. Shattuck is prepared to meet with representatives of the Government of Rwanda and the Rwanda Patriotic Front (RPF).

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